

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



**Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel**

October 12, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Rose Santos  
FOIA Group, Inc.

RE: FOIA Appeals 2017-169, 2017-170, 2017-171, 2017-172, 2017-173, 2017-174, 2017-175, 2017-176, 2017-177, 2017-178, 2017-179, 2017-180, 2017-181, 2017-182, and 2017-183

Dear Ms. Santos:

This letter responds to 15 administrative appeals you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”).<sup>1</sup> Your appeals pertain to FOIA requests submitted to the Office of Contracting and Procurement (“OCP”); however, none of your appeals states any basis for why you are appealing. Thirteen of your appeals state only “Request Created” as the appeal description and the remaining two appeals reiterate the records sought by their underlying requests.

On September 28, 2017, the same day your appeals were received, this Office emailed you asking you to indicate the reason for your appeals. Also on September 28, OCP submitted a consolidated response to your appeals requesting that your appeals be stayed or dismissed for failure to state a basis for each appeal pursuant to 1 DCMR § 412.4(a). The following day, on September 29, this Office forwarded to you OCP’s consolidated response and invited you to provide a response, identifying the reasons for your appeals.

After reviewing your appeals and their corresponding requests, the reasons for your appeals remain unclear. To date, you have not responded to this Office’s invitations to state the bases of your appeals. As submitted, your appeals do not satisfy the requirements of 1 DCMR § 412.4.

Based on the foregoing, your attempted appeals are dismissed as improperly filed. The dismissals shall be without prejudice. You are free to re-submit the appeals to this Office with all of the information required by 1 DCMR § 412.4(a).

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<sup>1</sup> Initially, the appeals were improperly filed with an incorrect agency on FOIAXpress; however, this Office transferred the appeals as a courtesy.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with DC FOIA.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: D. Ryan Koslosky, Associate General Counsel, OCP (via email)